

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., a member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced the House has passed the FY 2006 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report by a vote of 351 to 67. The legislation will provide funds for the Global War on Terrorism and Hurricane Katrina Reconstruction.

The legislation includes \$63,800,000 for Liberia secured by Jackson. Of the \$63,800,000, \$50,000,000 will be used for emergency employment activities, infrastructure projects, democracy, human rights and rule of law programs, and activities to assist with the demobilization and reintegration of ex-rebel combatants. The remaining \$13,800,000 will be used to ameliorate the refugee crisis in the West African nation.

Jackson also announced that the legislation includes a total of \$20,000,000 for Haiti and \$197,000,000 for Sudan. Of the \$20,000,000 for Haiti, \$2,500,000 will be used for health care and \$17,500,000 will be used for judicial, legal and law enforcement reform and to increase economic opportunities.

Of the \$197,000,000 for Sudan, \$173,00,000 is for the African Union peacekeeping operation in the Darfur region, \$11,700,000 is to ameliorate the refugee crisis on the Chad/Sudan border and \$12,300,000 is for the repatriation of refugees in southern Sudan.

Originally two different bills passed the House and Senate in March and May respectively. A joint committee worked out the differences in conference. Today the Conference Report was passed in the House. A Senate vote approving the Conference Report is expected Wednesday, and the President could sign the bill into law before the end of the week.